

WoodmenLife / Luminex

Z Platform Solution



WoodmenLife®

About WoodmenLife

- WoodmenLife offers life insurance and retirement products.
 - As a not-for-profit life insurance company, WoodmenLife has been helping to protect the financial future of families, making a difference in hometowns across America since 1890.

z/OS and the Z Platform

WoodmenLife has been an IBM customer running z/OS and other IBM software products as part of our core infrastructure for over 50 years.

IBM hardware has a long-standing tradition of stability and reliability. Hardware issues are nearly non-existent and fail-over capabilities are seamless in relation to the mainframe processor and disk storage.

Technical Challenges

WoodmenLife sought a solution that would eliminate the often inefficient and cumbersome use of physical tapes and streamline its system backup processes.

Luminex Mainframe Virtual Tape (MVT) Solution

The solution chosen was the Luminex Mainframe Virtual Tape (MVT). Using an MVT eliminated the need to physically handle, transport, and store critical system backups. The Luminex MVT solution allows for operational and disaster recovery backups to be dynamically replicated quickly and securely to a Disaster Recovery or other off-site location.

Luminex MVT in the Cloud

With the latest threats to technology from a ransomware perspective, WoodmenLife had a need to store an additional backup copy in the Cloud. Thanks to Luminex the solution was easy to implement. Since WoodmenLife was already using the Luminex MVT for backup storage, sending an additional copy to the Cloud was a simple matter of a software update to the Luminex servers and a Cloud based target for the backups. This feature was able to be quickly and easily implemented without downtime to the MVT.